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### **HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT**

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## **Louisiana 2009 Crop Acreage and Production**

Early season drought conditions followed by excessive rains during harvest did not have much of an impact on yields. Rice set a new record yield, while soybean and sugarcane yields reached the second highest levels ever. On the down side, Louisiana's 2009 cotton planted acreage was the lowest on record for the state.

**Cotton** production is estimated at 340,000 bales, up 21 percent from 2008. The 2009 planted acreage was estimated at 230,000 acres, down 23 percent from the previous year. An estimated 225,000 acres were harvested, down four percent from 2008. Yield per acre was 725 pounds, up 149 pounds from 2008.

**Sugarcane** production for sugar and seed in the state is estimated at 13.2 million net tons, up 15 percent from 2008. Production for sugar is estimated at 12.1 million net tons, and production for seed is estimated at 1.1 million net tons. An estimated 425,000 total acres were harvested, up five percent from 2008. An estimated 390,000 acres were harvested for sugar and the remaining 35,000 acres for seed. Net yield for both sugar and seed is estimated at 31.0 net tons per acre, up 2.7 net tons from the 2008 yield.

**Louisiana's soybean** production is estimated at 36.7 million bushels, up 17 percent from 2008. Total planted acreage was 1,020,000 acres, down three percent from 2008. Louisiana farmers harvested an estimated 940,000 acres, down one percent from the previous year. Yield was set at 39 bushels per acre, up six bushels from the previous year.

**Louisiana's all rice** production is estimated at 29.2 million cwt, up eight percent from 2008. Production of long grain varieties is estimated at 25.9 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties is estimated at 3.3 million cwt. The planted and harvested acreages for 2009 were 470,000 and 464,000 acres, respectively, both the same as 2008. The statewide yield averaged 6,300 pounds per acre, up 470 pounds from 2008. This is the highest recorded yield in the state's history.

Production of **corn for grain** in the state is estimated at 80.5 million bushels, up ten percent from 2008. The 2009 planted acreage was estimated at 630,000 acres, up 21 percent from the previous year. An estimated 610,000 acres were harvested, up 20 percent from 2008. Yield per acre was set at 132 bushels, down 12 bushels from the previous year.

Production of **sorghum for grain** in Louisiana is estimated at 5.3 million bushels, compared to 9.6 million in 2008. Total planted acreage was estimated at 70,000 acres, of which 65,000 acres were harvested for grain. This is the lowest planted and harvested acres since 1980 when the state planted 32,000 acres and harvested 14,000 acres. Yield per acre, at 82 bushels, was down five bushels from 2008.

**Louisiana's sweet potato** production is estimated at 1.6 million cwt, up 47 percent from 2008. An estimated 14,000 acres were planted in 2009, down seven percent from 2008. Harvested acreage was estimated at 12,000 acres, up nine percent from the previous year. The statewide yield averaged 135 cwt per acre, up 35 cwt from 2008.

**All hay** production in Louisiana 2009 is estimated at 1.1 million tons, down one percent from 2008. An estimated 380,000 acres were harvested in 2009, down 12 percent from the previous year. Yield was 2.8 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton from 2008.

**Louisiana: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2009, with Comparisons**

CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	510	<b>610</b>	144	<b>132</b>	bushels	73,440	<b>80,520</b>
Corn, Silage	5	<b>3</b>	14	<b>13</b>	tons	70	<b>39</b>
Rice, all	464	<b>464</b>	5,830	<b>6,300</b>	lbs: cwt	27,037	<b>29,217</b>
Rice, Long Grain	450	<b>410</b>	5,820	<b>6,320</b>	lbs: cwt	26,190	<b>25,912</b>
Rice, Medium	14	<b>54</b>	6,050	<b>6,120</b>	lbs: cwt	847	<b>3,305</b>
Upland Cotton	234	<b>225</b>	576	<b>725</b>	lbs: bales	281	<b>340</b>
Sorghum for grain	110	<b>65</b>	87	<b>82</b>	bushels	9,570	<b>5,330</b>
Sorghum, Silage	1	<b>1</b>	10	<b>11</b>	tons	10	<b>11</b>
Soybeans	950	<b>940</b>	33	<b>39</b>	bushels	31,350	<b>36,660</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	405	<b>425</b>	28.3	<b>31</b>	net tons	11,462	<b>13,175</b>
Sugarcane, Sugar	380	<b>390</b>	28.3	<b>31</b>	net tons	10,754	<b>12,090</b>
Sugarcane, Seed	25	<b>35</b>	28.3	<b>31</b>	net tons	708	<b>1,085</b>
Sweet Potatoes	11	<b>12</b>	100	<b>135</b>	cwt	1,100	<b>1,620</b>
Hay, all	430	<b>380</b>	2.5	<b>2.8</b>	tons	1,075	<b>1,064</b>

**United States: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2009, with Comparisons**

CROP	HARVESTED ACRES (000)		YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	78,570	<b>79,630</b>	153.9	<b>165.2</b>	bushels	12,091,648	<b>13,151,062</b>
Corn, Silage	5,965	<b>5,605</b>	18.7	<b>19.3</b>	tons	111,619	<b>108,209</b>
Rice, all	2,976	<b>3,103</b>	6,846	<b>7,085</b>	lbs: cwt	203,733	<b>219,850</b>
Rice, Long Grain	2,350	<b>2,265</b>	6,522	<b>6,743</b>	lbs: cwt	153,257	<b>152,725</b>
Rice, Medium	575	<b>786</b>	8,203	<b>8,052</b>	lbs: cwt	47,166	<b>63,291</b>
Upland Cotton	7,400	<b>7,552</b>	803	<b>763</b>	lbs: bales	12,385	<b>12,011</b>
Sorghum for grain	7,271	<b>5,520</b>	65.0	<b>69.4</b>	bushels	472,342	<b>382,983</b>
Sorghum, Silage	408	<b>254</b>	13.8	<b>14.5</b>	tons	5,646	<b>3,680</b>
Soybeans	74,681	<b>76,407</b>	39.7	<b>44.0</b>	bushels	2,967,007	<b>3,361,028</b>
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	868	<b>877.7</b>	31.8	<b>34.5</b>	net tons	27,603	<b>30,265</b>
Sugarcane, Sugar	821.6	<b>820.7</b>	31.8	<b>34.6</b>	net tons	26,131	<b>28,395</b>
Sugarcane, Seed	46.4	<b>57.0</b>	31.7	<b>32.8</b>	net tons	1,472	<b>1,870</b>
Sweet Potatoes	97.3	<b>97.7</b>	190	<b>201</b>	cwt	18,443	<b>19,647</b>
Hay, all	60,152	<b>59,755</b>	2.43	<b>2.47</b>	tons	146,270	<b>147,442</b>

## Louisiana Grain Stocks

**Corn** stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2009, at 28.8 million bushels, were up five percent from December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

**Soybeans** stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2009, totaled 12.6 million bushels, down 17 percent from December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

**All wheat** stocks stored off-farm on December 1, 2009, totaled 7.5 million bushels, up 29 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks for Louisiana are not published separately but are included in the U.S. total.

## Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, December 1, 2009

Item	Louisiana <sup>1</sup>		United States	
	December 1		December 1	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
<b>Corn</b>				
On-Farm			6,482,000	7,445,000
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	<u>27,350</u>	<u>28,798</u>	<u>3,590,106</u>	<u>3,488,676</u>
Total			10,072,106	10,933,676
<b>Sorghum</b>				
On-Farm			54,400	48,000
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	<u>3/</u>	<u>4,299</u>	<u>243,290</u>	<u>202,295</u>
Total			297,690	250,295
<b>Soybeans</b>				
On-Farm			1,189,000	1,231,500
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	<u>15,256</u>	<u>12,614</u>	<u>1,086,432</u>	<u>1,105,180</u>
Total			2,275,432	2,336,680
<b>All-Wheat</b>				
On-Farm			454,000	558,800
Off-Farm <sup>2</sup>	<u>5,821</u>	<u>7,484</u>	<u>968,089</u>	<u>1,206,418</u>
Total			1,422,089	1,765,218

<sup>1</sup> Louisiana on farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>2</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

<sup>3</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operation.

## Louisiana Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2008	7,100	6,064	13,164
March 1, 2009	1,650	3,726	5,376
June 1, 2009	350	2,178	2,528
December 1, 2009	9,000	7,900	16,900

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

## Louisiana Rice Stocks

**Rough rice** stocks in all positions on December 1, 2009, totaled 16.9 million cwt, up 28 percent from the total on December 1, 2008. On-farm stocks of rice were estimated at 9.0 million cwt, compared to 7.1 million the previous year. Off-farm stocks totaled 7.9 million cwt, up 30 percent from last year.

## United States Rice Stocks

Date	On Farm	Off Farm <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
	(Domestic Units – 1,000 Cwt)		
	<u>Rough Rice</u>		
December 1, 2008	47,530	91,071	138,601
March 1, 2009	21,286	70,042	91,328
June 1, 2009	6,920	41,446	48,366
December 1, 2009	51,880	104,726	156,606
	<u>Milled Rice</u>		
December 1, 2008	---	5,255	5,255
March 1, 2009	---	4,732	4,732
June 1, 2009	---	5,724	5,724
December 1, 2009	---	5,679	5,679

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports and in transit.

## Winter Wheat Seedings

Louisiana farmers planted an estimated 140,000 acres of winter wheat for 2010, down 24 percent from the previous year. United States winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2010 is estimated at 37.1 million acres, down 14 percent from 2009 and the lowest since 1913. Seeding began last August and by mid-September was behind the five-year average. The late row crop harvest and wet weather delayed planting in most states. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 64 percent good to excellent compared with 65 percent the previous year.

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## Winter Wheat Seedings

Selected States	Area Planted			2010/2009 Percent
	2008	2009	2010	
	-----1,000 Acres-----			
Arkansas	1,070	430	200	47
Kansas	9,600	9,300	8,600	92
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>76</b>
Mississippi	520	180	120	67
Texas	5,800	6,400	5,400	84
<b>United States</b>	<b>46,307</b>	<b>43,311</b>	<b>37,097</b>	<b>86</b>

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